



OFFICE OF
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DISTRICT FOUR
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*Have a Safe & Blessed
Holiday Season!*



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, December 3, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the Mayor's and Council President's appointments to the following Boards and Committees for 2008. I was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services; Chairman of the San Diego City County Reinvestment Task Force; and Chairman of the San Diego Workforce Partnership Committee; and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Audit. I will also serve on the Committee on Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations, San Diego Regional Airport Authority; San Diego Association of Governments-Board of Directors and SANDAGS Public Safety Committee; San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board; Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC); Service Authority For Freeway Emergencies; and Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. I commend and congratulate my fellow Council members and the Mayor for the various Boards, Committees, and Commissions they too will be serving on. I look forward to continuing to work with the many members of these organizations and community



volunteers who are also serving, to make this city a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

On Monday, December 3, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously accepted and approved the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention's Strategic Action Plan. The Commission recommended (5) action goals for the Council and Mayor to focus on in 2008 including helping to build capacity in existing, effective, and promising gang prevention and intervention programs / strategies **on a neighborhood basis.** This recommendation is in recognition of the fact that gang's are not the same throughout this city and it takes different strategies in some communities to effectively address prevention and intervention. I commend and thank the Commission for their efforts during 2007 and look forward to helping implement their recommendations for 2008. For additional information and to view the Commission's Strategic Action Plan, please visit www.sandiego.gov/gangcommission.

During the last week of November, I testified at two Congressional Hearings on behalf of the City of San Diego and the City-County Reinvestment Task Force. The hearing with Congressman Bob Filner, Chairman of the Veterans Committee was held November 22, 2007 in San Diego to obtain testimony from veterans and current service men and women on their difficulty in keeping their homes from foreclosing. The hearing with Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Chairwoman of the Committee on Financial Services, was held November 30, 2007 in Los Angeles to address the issue of foreclosure and sub prime lending. Several mayors including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa joined me in testifying before this Congressional Committee. The potential for thousands of individuals and families being forced out of their homes due to foreclosure is having a major impact on the economy and quality of life in the San Diego region and the nation. The San Diego City Council has accepted recommendations from the City County Reinvestment Task Force which include identifying funding to work with agencies providing home loan and credit counseling services. I shared this information at the hearings and was pleased to hear that similar efforts are underway in cities throughout the nation.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

The California Reinvestment Coalition has provided a list of key contacts for organizations who are helping consumers with mortgage difficulties (these contacts are not for individuals who are having difficulty with their mort-



gage, individuals needing assistance may contact a HUD-certified mortgage counselor).

For Nonprofit Groups: Key Loss Mitigation Contacts

- Bank of America (800) 846-2222
- Citibank Office of homeownership Preservation (866) 517-0820
- Countrywide's Advocacy Team (877) 327-9225
(advocacy@countrywide.com)
- HSBC Mortgage Services (800) 365-6730
- JP Morgan Chase (866) 345-4676
(hpo.chase@chase.com)
- Wells Fargo Bank (866) 480-5004
- Wilshire Home Loan Services (HLS)
service loans for Merrill Lynch
Wilshire Contact Information (888) 952-7339
HLS Contact Information (800) 622-5035

If consumers have complaints about fraudulent broker or lender behavior, they can call:

- The Dept of Fair Employment & Housing (800) 233-3212
- The U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Develop. (800) 669-9777

On Friday, December 7, 2007 The Christian Life Center of San Diego will present "A Time for Christmas", at 7:00 p.m. at O'Farrell Community School, 6130 Skyline Drive. For additional information please call the church office at (619) 460-7200 or visit them online at www.christianlifesd.org

On Saturday, December 8, 2007 the 4th District Youth Advisory Board will have a "Kickoff Rally" of "I Want To Live: The Movement". The Rally will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Euclid and Holly. Participants will then march to the corner of Euclid and Imperial for exciting and informative speeches. This Rally and March is sponsored for youth by youth to highlight the positive things youth in the 4th District are involved in and to demonstrate that there are positive alternatives and activities for our youth. Youth and adults from throughout the San Diego region will be in attendance.

On Saturday, December 8, 2007 the 4th District Seniors Resource Center & Senior Commission will host its annual "A Seasoned Yuletide Gathering" at



4:00 p.m at the George Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. Festive attire is suggested and donations of \$15.00 to \$20.00 are accepted in advance or at the door. For more information and/or reservations please call (619) 266-2066. I will be serving meals to our seniors there and I look forward to you joining me.

On Saturday, December 8, 2007 the 4th District Christmas Extravaganza will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Willie Henderson Sports Complex, 1035 South 45th Street. This event sponsored by area churches, businesses, and agencies will provide free groceries, toys, music and other activities for youth and families. I commend and congratulate everyone involved in bringing this wonderful event to the community.

The Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC) is asking your support for its 5th Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Extravaganza. This is an excellent opportunity to donate toys and gifts for children who need your hugs and kisses during the holiday season. Please call (619) 325-3580 for additional information and to give to this very worthy cause.

On November 17, 2007, we held an Auto Product Recycling event at the School of Creative and Performing Arts. At this successful event we collected more than 10,700 pounds of recyclable hazardous waste including 620 gallons of used motor oil; 4,300 pounds of automotive batteries; 91 pounds of oil filters; and 80 gallons of antifreeze.

On Thursday, December 6, 2007 a community cleanup will be held for 4th District residents in the community of Mountain View. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00 a.m. Francis Street, Webster Avenue, S. 36th Street, S. 35th Street, Pardee Street, Franklin Avenue and Pardee Place will be the areas for the clean-up. Please feel free to contact Officer Jennifer Hobbs for clean-up information at (858) 573-1245.

On Each year the City of San Diego's Environment Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the City. Areas are selected for these events based upon citizen request, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.



The Neighborhood Unity Foundation is announcing their 2007 Grants Program. The theme for their program is “Helping Neighbors Help Each Other”, we encourage you to come to the Grants Programs Orientations on Thursday, December 5, 2007. Please call (619) 527-4570 for information.

Oak Park Library is currently closed for re-carpeting. The anticipated reopening date is Monday, December 10, 2007.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Greater Skyline Hills Town Council will meet Monday December 3, 2007 at 6:00p.m at the Skyline Park Rec. Center, 6508 Wunderlin Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Neighborhood Watch Council will meet Monday December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Recreation Council will meet Thursday December 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Valencia Park Town Council will meet Thursday December 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Park Elementary School, 5880 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Oak Park Community Council will meet Thursday December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Park School auditorium, 2606 54th Street. (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

Emerald Hills Town Council will meet Tuesday December 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Johnson Elementary School, 1355 Kelton Road. (Jimmie Slack



staffs this meeting)

Knox/ Lincoln Park Town Council will meet Tuesday December 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Knox Elementary School, 1098 S. 49th Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Skyline/ Paradise Hills Planning Committee will meet Tuesday December 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Paradise Hills Rec. Center, 6610 Potomac Street (Petrina Branch staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

SAVE THIS DATE:

The 23rd Annual YMCA of San Diego County, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast “Living the Dream” will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008 at the Scottish Rite Center, this year's breakfast will feature keynote speaker Dr. Shirley Weber. For more information please contact The Jackie Robinson YMCA at (619) 264-0144.

The 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dedication & Memorial Breakfast, presented by the United African American Ministerial Action Council, will be held on Monday, January 21, 2008 at Bayview Baptist Church at the Martin Luther King Center located at 6134 Benson Avenue. For more information, please contact UAAMAC at (619) 264-1213 or visit their website at <http://www.uaamac.com>.



The 20th Annual All Peoples Breakfast: Celebrating the Living Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at Golden Hall, which is located at the San Diego Concourse on Monday, January 21, 2008. The theme of this year's breakfast is **The Harmonies of Liberty: Music that inspired the Movement.** The artist Odetta will be present.

THANK YOU.....for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov .

